

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5051

INFO AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMEMBASSY MBABANE

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

C O N F I D E N T I A L MASERU 779

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, LT, CH, TW

SUBJECT: LESOTHO REPORTEDLY NOT TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS  
WITH PRC YET

REF: MASERU 566 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED REPORTS FROM TWO DIFFERENT SOURCES THAT AT SPECIAL MEETING OF CONSTITUENCY LEADERS OF RULING BASUTOLAND NATIONAL PARTY (BNP) LAST WEEKEND, RESOLUTION WAS PASSED CALLING FOR GOL TO CONTINUE RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN, TO DESIST FROM CONTACTS WITH PRC, AND TO DISMISS FOREIGN MINISTER KOTSOKOANE BECAUSE OF HIS INITIATIVE IN VISITING PRC. ACCORDING THESE SOURCES, GOL HAS DECIDED TO ACT ON AT LEAST FIRST TWO POINTS BUT MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT WHO FAVOR RELATIONS WITH PRC WILL BE FREE TO TRY TO BUILD PUBLIC AND PARTY SUPPORT FOR THESE POSITIONS. RESOLUTION REPORTEDLY IS NOT TO BE MADE PUBLIC.

2. EMBASSY NOT ABLE TO VERIFY REPORTS, BUT ROC EMBASSY HERE APPEARS TO BELIEVE THEM AND  
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IS ACTING AS IF IT INTENDS HO BE IN LESOTHO FOR THE

DURATION.

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